New Doctor Who story begins today!

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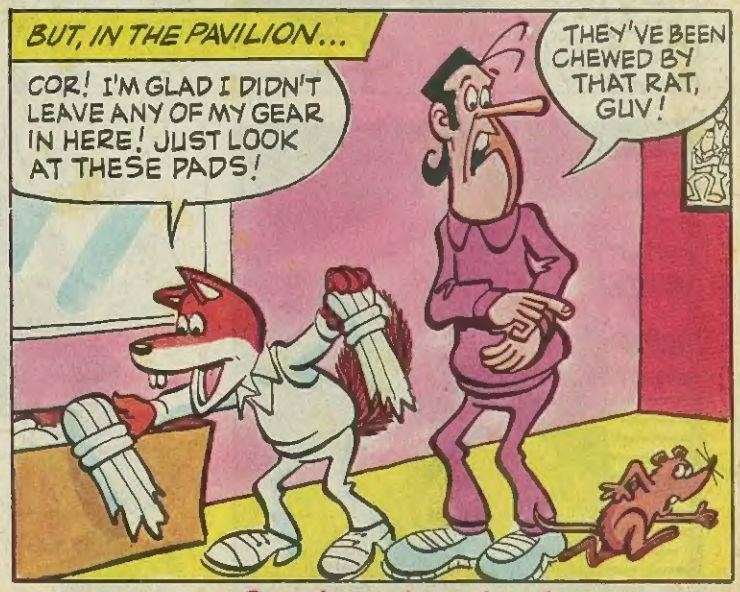
BUT, IN THE PAVILION...
COR! I'M GLAD I DIDN'T LEAVE ANY OF MY GEAR IN HERE! JUST LOOK AT THESE PADS!
THEY'VE BEEN CHEWED BY THAT RAT, GUV!

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TOM and Jerry

?

BANANAS ARE FOR MONKEYS, JERRY! BUT I LIKE 'EM TOO!

BONK!

SORRY, GORY-TOM'S NICKED YOUR BANANA!

AND EATEN IT BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS!

PLOP!

BANANA! ME WANT BANANA!

CHEEK!

BOO!

TAKE THAT, YOU BIG APE!

BAM!

HEE-HEE! LUCKY I CALLED THE ZOO, TOM— I THINK GORY WILL BE SAFER THERE!

ZOO

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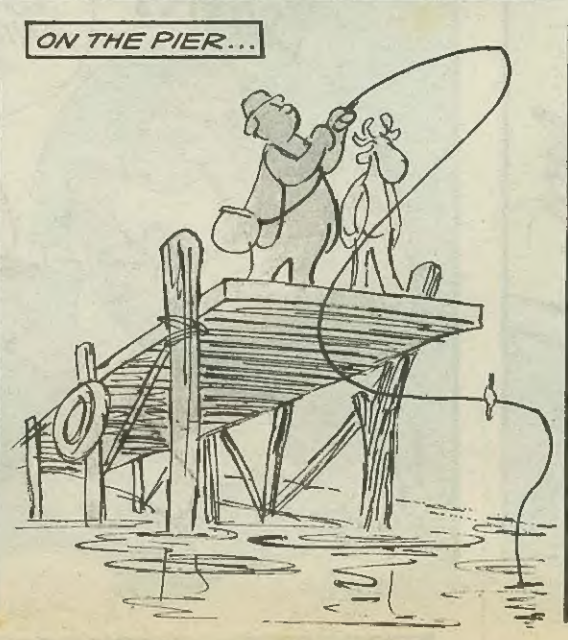
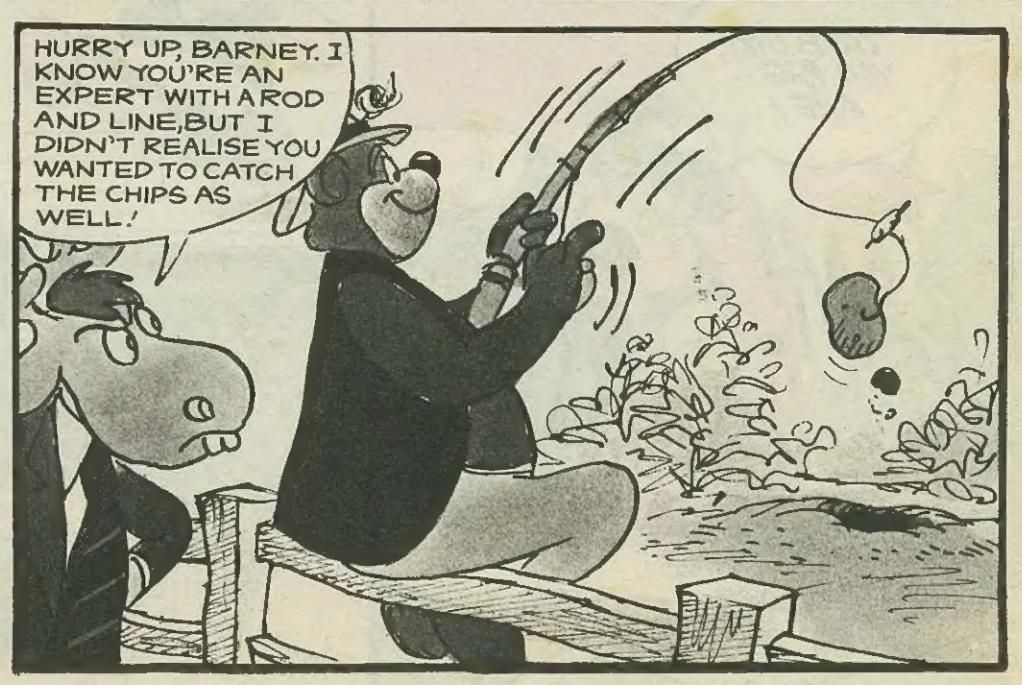
BARNEY BEAR





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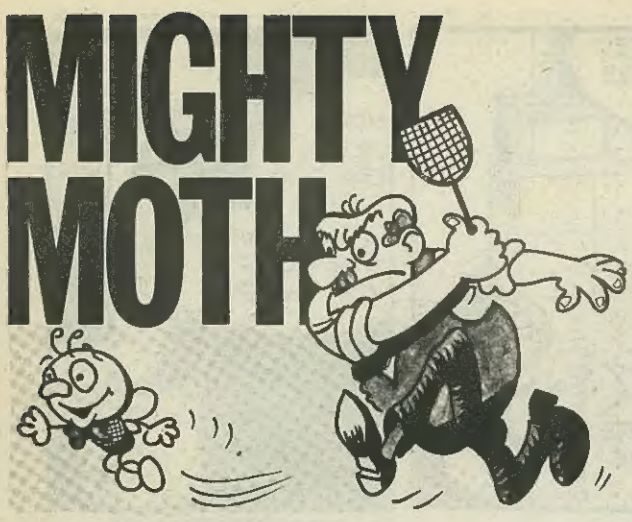
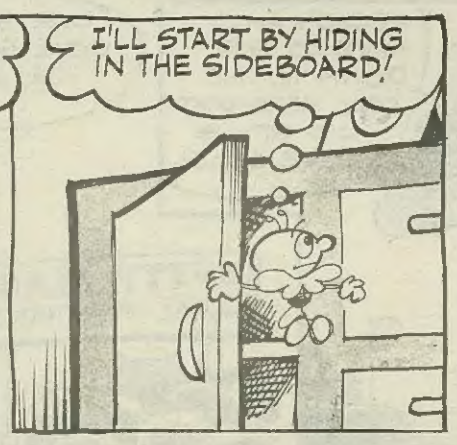
MIGHTY MOTH



WHY DON'T YOU CLEAR OFF AND LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE ?
NO FEAR! I LIKE THIS HOUSE I'D NEVER LEAVE IT!

MUNCH-MUNCH
NEVER LEAVE IT, EH? HE'S GIVEN ME AN IDEA!

A FEW DAYS LATER...
H'MM! NOT A BAD PLACE! I MIGHT BUY IT!
OH, NO! DAD'S TRYING TO SELL OUR HOUSE! I MUST DO SOMETHING!


I'LL START BY HIDING IN THE SIDEBOARD!

NOW LET US DISCUSS A PRICE. HOW ABOUT £6,000?
NO THAT'S FAR TOO MUCH

W...WHAT'S THAT ?
CLUNK! CLUNK!

OH...ER...IT MUST BE THE WOODWORM! THEY HOLD A DANCE EVERY SATURDAY!

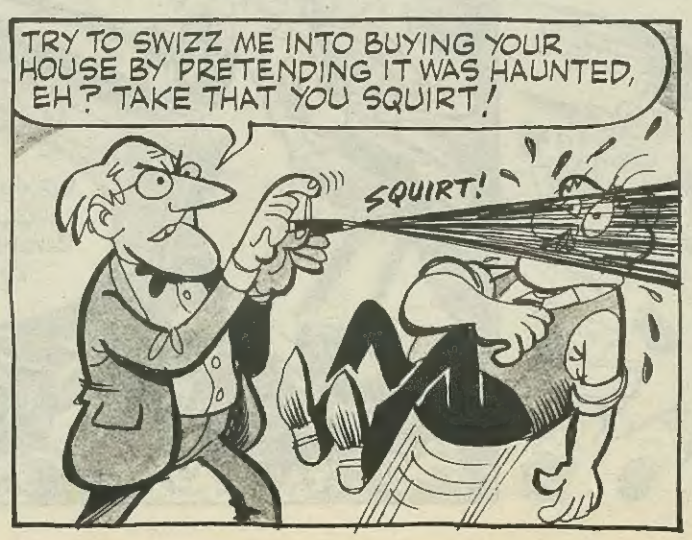
NONSENSE! THERE'S A POLTERGEIST IN THIS HOUSE! A SPOOK THAT THROWS FURNITURE ABOUT!
DON'T BE DAFT! THERE'S NO SUCH THING!

NOW I'LL CLIMB UNDER A SHEET AND TRY ANOTHER TRICK!

HOOOOO!
A GHOST!

I'M VERY INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF GHOSTS! AS THIS HOUSE IS HAUNTED, I'LL OFFER YOU £8,000 FOR IT!
?
£8,000! I'LL FETCH A PEN FOR YOU TO SIGN A CONTRACT!

DON'T SIGN, MISTER! THIS PLACE ISN'T HAUNTED – IT'S ME WHO DOES THE RATTLING AROUND HERE!


TRY TO SWIZZ ME INTO BUYING YOUR HOUSE BY PRETENDING IT WAS HAUNTED, EH? TAKE THAT YOU SQUIRT!
SQUIRT!

NEXT TIME SOMEBODY COMES TO BUY THIS HOUSE DON'T YOU DARE SPOOK UNTIL YOU'RE SPOOKEN TO!
HA! HA!

TWISTED

WHAT A MEAN LITTLE BLAZE! AH'S SEEN A BIGGER BLAZE OFF A TEXAS CIGAR LIGHTER!

WELL, DON'T SIT THERE. FETCH IN SOME COAL!

MORE LIKE A TEA CUP THAN A COAL BUCKET— ONE LUMP OR TWO?

DOGGONE IF THE CELLAR AIN'T EMPTY! NOT A PESKY LUMP IN SIGHT!

RECKON AH'LL HAVE TO POP DOWN TO THE COAL MERCHANT AND GIT US SOME COAL!

ONE BAG OF COAL, SIR – THAT'LL BE £2.

NUTTY SLACK COAL MERCHANT

DOGGONE IT, FELLAH! THERE'S HARDLY ENOUGH IN THERE TO MAKE ONE GOOD FIRE!

AH'LL TAKE THIS, MISTER! THIS SHOULD KEEP ME AND MA COUSIN GOING FER AWHILE!

YE-ERK! B-BUT!

COO! HERE'S THAT TEXAN MAN! LET'S PLAY A TRICK ON HIM!

TV RENTALS

TEE HEE! THOSE TEXANS LIKE GUM I WONDER IF THEY LIKE THIS STUFF!

YEEAAGH! YOU YOUNG VARMINTS! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

STUCK!

COO! TED DOESN'T LIKE GUM!

STOP! STOP! RUNAWAY WAGON!

TEA

ZOOOM!

KERRR RUMBLE CRASH SMASH

REALLY, EDWARD! WHY CAN'T YOU BRING IN A BUCKETFUL LIKE ANYBODY ELSE?

DROOPY

DROOPY IS ENJOYING A HIKE, WHEN...

HELLO! A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER. THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BRING ME LUCK!... OOPS!

SUDDENLY...

WOOSH

HERE, COME BACK! I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE YOU IN A HURRY!

PUFF... N... NEARLY GOT IT!... PUFF!

BOOMBITY BOOM

CROSS MY FIELD, WOULD YOU?

AH! IT'S SETTLING AT LAST! S'FUNNY! SOUNDS LIKE THUNDER'S ON THE WAY!

CLUNK

GOT IT! A BULL'S-EYE!

HUH! HE CAN TALK! I MISSED!

I'LL POP THE LEAF IN MY COMPASS CASE TO KEEP IT SAFE!

BUT...

SEEMS I SPOKE TOO SOON! THIEVIN' MAGPIE'S WHIPPED MY COMPASS NOW!

ONE LONG CHASE LATER...

PUFF... THAT BIRD'S GONE TO ROOST. TIME I TOOK A CLIMB... PUFF!

NOW I'LL NIP IT FROM THE NEST. THAT CLOVER'S TOO RARE TO LOSE...

THAT MOMENT...

THERE GOES THE FIRST ONE, FRED! THESE TREES ARE OBSTRUCTING THE ROAD...

AND...

OOPH! LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT A LIFT BACK TO TOWN!

PLOP

EVENTUALLY...

I'LL SOON HAVE THAT CLOVER SAFE INSIDE... I... OH, NO!

HUH! ALL THAT FOUR-LEAF CLOVER BROUGHT ME WAS BAD LUCK! I'VE LOST MY DOOR-KEY!

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Pink Panther

I'M SURE IT'S TODAY THAT THE SWIMMING POOL OPENS, SO I'M OFF FOR MY FIRST SWIM OF THE YEAR!

LAST YEAR, I WAS TOO EARLY AND DIVED OFF THE TOP BOARD BEFORE THE WATER WAS PUT IN!

SWIMMING POOL

TICKETS

THIS TIME I'LL MAKE SURE THERE'S WATER IN!

EEEEAARGH! IT'S FREEZING!

CHANGING CUBICLES

I'M STILL GOING TO DIVE OFF THAT TOP BOARD THOUGH!

MEANWHILE...

THIS IS THE LAST DAY THE POOLS' USED AS AN ICE RINK. SWIMMING STARTS TOMORROW!

I'VE JUST PUT IT ON FULL FREEZE. IT'LL BE THICK ICE IN NO TIME!

POOL FREEZER

A FEW BRISK EXERCISES!

THEN UP THE HIGH BOARD!

CRASH!

IF WE MOVE HIM, HE'LL LEAVE A GREAT BIG HOLE IN THE ICE AND SPOIL THE SHOW. HE'LL JUST HAVE TO STAY THERE!

LATER...

I'VE JUST REMEMBERED—IT'S ***TOMORROW*** THE POOL OPENS! TONIGHT IT'S FIGURE SKATING... WHICH ISN'T SO BAD...

...BUT IT'S BEING FOLLOWED BY AN **ICE HOCKEY MATCH**.! (GULP!)

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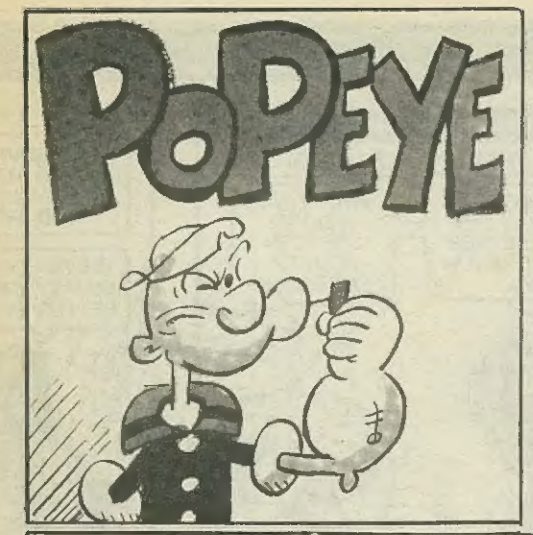

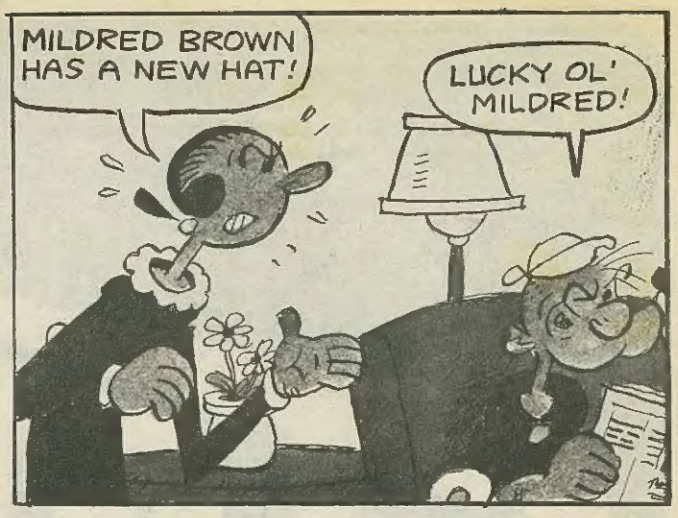

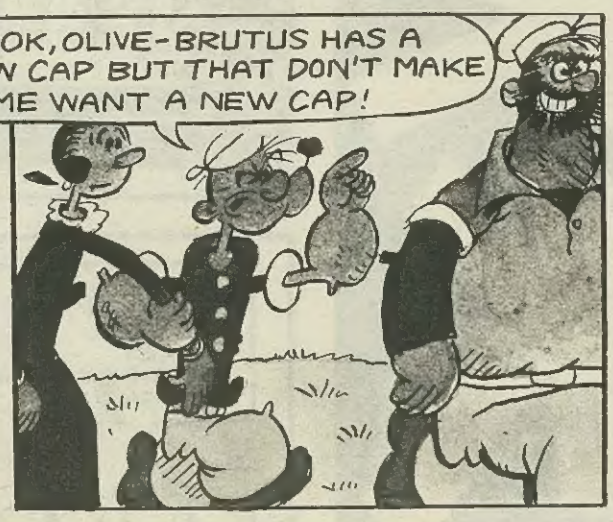

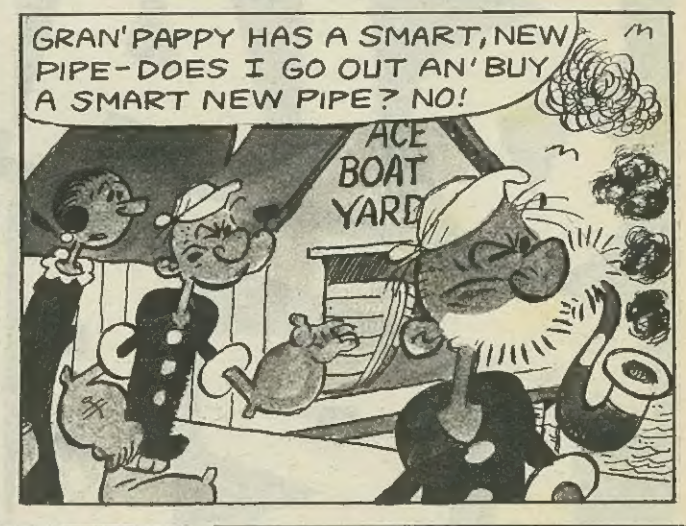

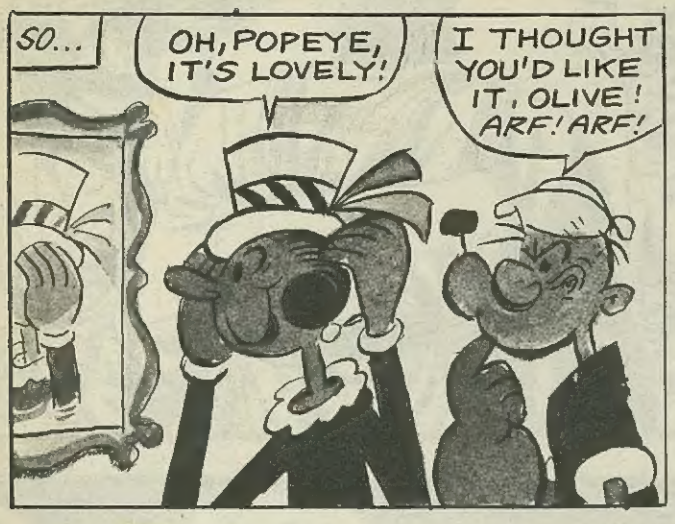

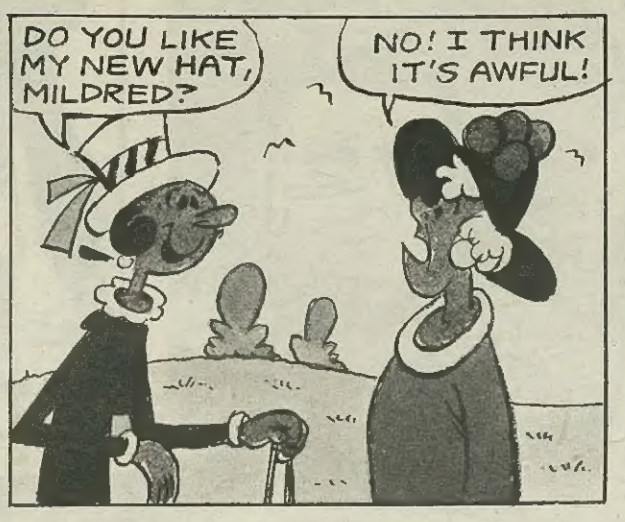

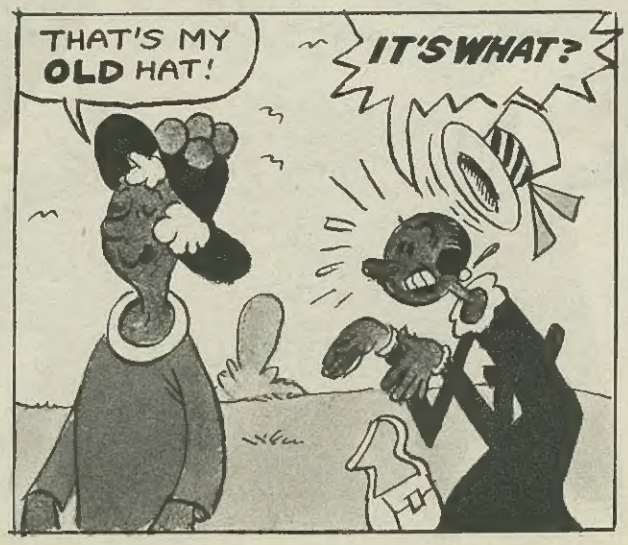

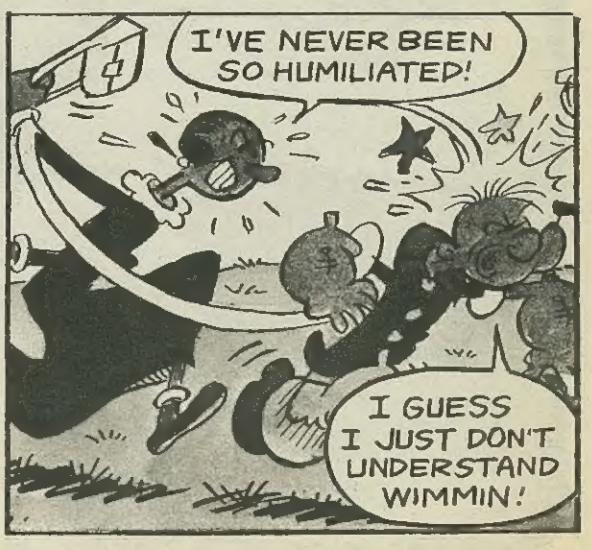

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When The Enterprise approaches a planet inhabited by famous people in history, the crew are threatened as the past comes into conflict with the present . . .

STAR TREK

The LEGACY of LAZARUS

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM...
WHAT'S UP, JIM?
PLENTY, BONES--BUT WE'LL SEE FOR OURSELVES WHEN WE BEAM DOWN.
ANY TIME YOU'RE READY, SCOTTY... ENERGIZE!

FOR SEVERAL SECONDS, THE TRANSPORTER BEAMS BATHE THE FIVE FIGURES IN ELECTRONIC BRILLIANCE--THEN THEY BEGIN TO SHIMMER AND FADE... AND MOMENTS LATER...
BULL'S-EYE! SCOTTY GETS BETTER EVERY...
CAPTAIN, LOOK!

MY APOLOGIES, MR. SPOCK! YOU WERE MOST DEFINITELY RIGHT!
NATURALLY, CAPTAIN! DID YOU EXPECT OTHERWISE?
YOU KNOW, SPOCK--SOMETIMES YOU CAN BE IRRITATINGLY HUMAN!
REALLY, DOCTOR--THIS IS NO TIME FOR INSULTS!

CAUTIOUSLY, THE LANDING PARTY ENTERS THE GREAT CITY...
REMARKABLE, CAPTAIN--IF THE ROBOT PROBE WAS CORRECT, THIS CITY WAS NOT HERE TEN SHORT YEARS AGO! NOR WAS THERE EVEN ANY FORM OF LIFE HERE!
I AGREE, SPOCK! LET'S ASK ONE OF THE LOCAL INHABITANTS!

WHY, YES! HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?
BUT-BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'VE BEEN DEAD FOR CENTURIES!
APPARENTLY NOT, CAPTAIN! ACCORDING TO MY TRI-CORDER READINGS, HE'S AS REAL AS YOU OR I!

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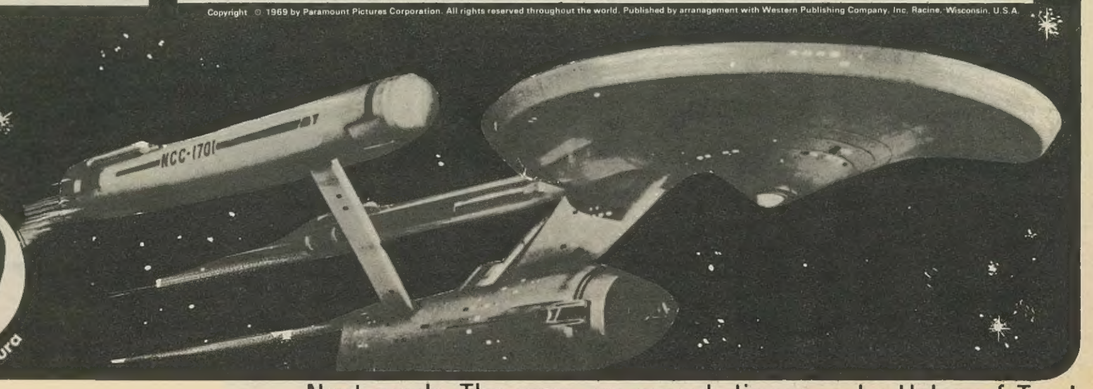

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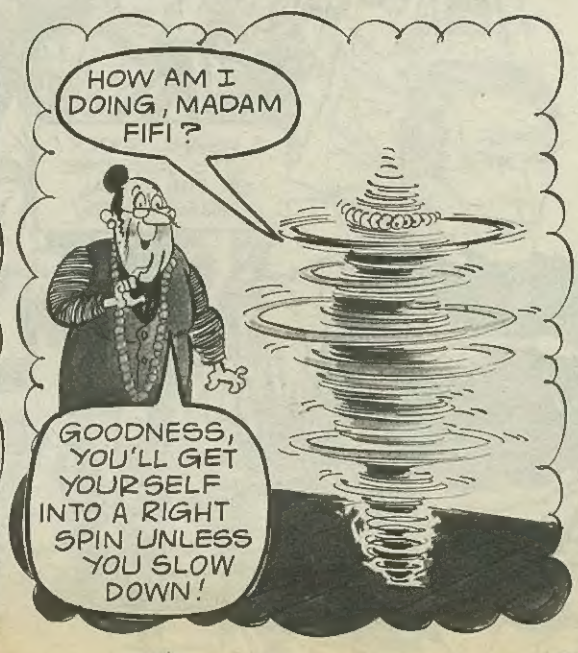
Nelly AND HER Telly



Dr WHO

Guardian of The Tomb

Little does The Doctor realise that he and The Tardis are hurtling towards an 'explosive' situation!

POLICE

A BUILDING SITE— ON THE EDGE OF A SMALL TOWN, SOMEWHERE IN EAST ANGLIA...

TIME'S MONEY! THIS NEW SCHOOL MUST BE FINISHED ON TARGET!

IT WILL— PROVIDED WE HIT NO SNAGS!

BUT.

I'VE STRUCK METAL... STREWTH! IT LOOKS LIKE A BOMB!

PROBABLY A LEFT-OVER FROM WORLD WAR TWO! IT COULD BE "LIVE"...

GET EVERYONE BACK! I'LL PHONE THE POLICE!

MOMENTARILY UNNOTICED..

A SMOKE-LIKE VAPOUR LEAKS FROM THE OBJECT'S CASING.

MEANWHILE.. AFTER A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND SPACE...

TWENTIETH-CENTURY ENGLAND, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN. A PERFECT LANDING— THOUGH I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHERE...

...I'D BETTER ASK SOMEONE. I'M NOT SORRY TO BE BACK ON GOOD OLD EARTH.

NEXT MOMENT...

WHAT THE.. UGGH!

STOP FIRING!

WITHIN THE TANK.

IN THE NAME OF...! SIR, THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE— A CIVILIAN!

YOU'D BETTER HAVE A GOOD EXPLANATION FOR BEING HERE— UNLESS YOU'RE STARK, RAVING MAD!

AS THE SAYING GOES, YOU'D BETTER TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!

AT THE ARMY BASE H.Q....

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND OUR SECURITY CHECK. YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN TOP-LEVEL CLEARANCE, DOCTOR WHO. I'D BE OBLIGED IF YOU'D MOVE THE TARDIS TO SAFETY.

JUST MY LUCK TO TOUCH DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR WAR GAMES, CAPTAIN!

URGENT DESPATCH... FOR CAPTAIN STEELE!

AND...

A SUSPECTED BOMB... UNCOVERED IN BAYSCROFT, A TOWN ABOUT TEN MILES FROM HERE. I'M WANTED IMMEDIATELY!

MIND IF I COME ALONG?

THE DOCTOR'S REQUEST IS APPROVED. SOON...

SO YOU'RE A BOMB-DISPOSAL EXPERT, CAPTAIN STEELE?

THAT'S MY PROFESSION, DOCTOR!

BEFORE LONG...

THE AREA'S SEALED OFF, CAPTAIN!

THERE IT IS...

SUDDENLY..

THE BULLDOZER... IT'S MOVING! AND THERE'S NO DRIVER!

GOOD GRIEF!

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Next week: What is the strange driving force?

THE EDITOR'S Letterbox

Dear Editor,
I have been reading TV COMIC for about eight years and I enjoy it very much. My nana very kindly sends it to me each week from Leicester My favourite stories are Basil Brush, Popeye and TV Terrors. Two other favourite characters of mine are Tich and Quackers and Road Runner

Timothy Simpson,
Hanslope, Bucks.

You are very fortunate to have such a kind-hearted nana, Timothy. You seem to have been reading TV COMIC for a very long time and I can only offer you my extra gratitude for such loyalty!

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Dear Editor,
I am twelve years old and I really like TV COMIC There has been a bug going round at our school recently, something rather like flu. I was determined not to get it but, sure enough, I was hit by the infection and had to spend some time in bed. I was so bored until my friend gave me a copy of TV COMIC. I was pleased with everything in it! The characters I enjoy most are Tom and Jerry, Doctor Who, TV Terrors and Pink Panther, which is my special favourite.

Sophie Kershaw,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Do you know something, Sophie? I think a good dosage of TV COMIC is one of the finest medicines that's been invented! I know that you are now fully recovered and I hope you stay that way for a long time to come! But, as they say, keep taking the medicine, won't you?

Dear Editor
I am a new reader to TV COMIC. My name is Graham and I am eight We have recently moved from Shirley in Solihull. My dad tells me that my name means grey house, but I now live in a yellow and white painted house! My favourite stories are Pink Panther and Basil Brush. My brother and I are looking forward to the better weather when we can play cricket in the park.

Graham Well,
Alsager, Cheshire.

It's an interesting comment your dad makes about your name, Graham. Perhaps you can persuade him to paint the front and back of the house to suit? (It's all right, dad, I'm only joking!) I must agree with you and your brother — I only wish that the good weather could always be with us!

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Dear Editor,
In TV COMIC, nearly every story has animals in it. For instance, Basil Brush is a fox; in Tom and Jerry, there is a cat and mouse, and a dog; and in Barney Bear, there is a moose and bear, and so on. I wonder if any other readers have noticed this point?

Daniel Manley,
Brighton, Sussex.

That's an interesting point you make about the animal influence in TV COMIC, Daniel. Of course, categorising TV COMIC does become a bit of a problem when you think about Mighty Moth, that 'bird' Emu and the Pink Panther! I only hope that TV COMIC remains your 'pet' favourite!

Dear Editor,
My name is Diane and I am ten years old. I have TV COMIC every week and I think it is just great. My favourites are Tom and Jerry, Bugs Bunny and Nelly and Her Telly. I have a riddle for you: How do you know all rivers are rich? Because they have two banks! I live on a farm, where we have two calves, Bruce and Angel, a cow called Pansy and two cats, Thomas and Mittens My hobbies are cycling and I like reading

Diane J. Davies,
Church Streeton, Salop.

Thank you for writing to me from such a lovely part of the country, Diane. For any readers who do not know what Salop is short for, it is the county of Shropshire, which is a very rural part of the country. I bet all that good, clean air is attributable to your lovely healthy smile! Thank you for your kind comments about TV COMIC.

Dear Editor,
My name is Paul and I like TV COMIC ever so much. My favourite stories are Pink Pather, Popeye and the Editor's Letterbox. I am seven. I have sent you a picture of me with my Daddy, which was taken in 1976 at Porthcawl

Paul Stratford,
Lydney, Gloucester.

Tell your Dad what a splendid looking fellow he is, Paul — just like you . . .

Dear Editor,
My name is Katie Priest and I am ten. I love reading TV COMIC and I think that Bugs Bunny is good fun. I enjoy the stories because Tweety Pie always gets his own back. I have a riddle for you. Why is the letter 'T' like an island? Because it is in the middle of water

Katie Priest,
East Grinstead, Sussex.

Until I saw the answer, Katie, I must admit you had me puzzled with your mind-teaser! I'm pleased to hear that 'chew' like reading about the exploits of our carrot-swallowing friend, Bugs! I hope you'll forgive the pun!

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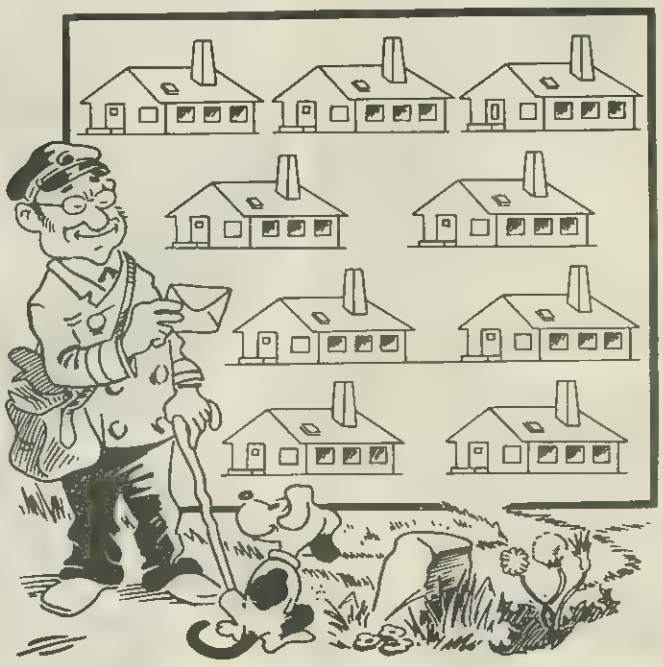
PUZZLE-IT-OUT!

This country postman has a letter to deliver, but he doesn't have the number of the house. All he knows is that the letter is for the house that is different to the others. Can you see which house that is?



ANSWER

The right-hand corner house in the top terrace has a larger window in its front door than the others, so that's the one!

BUGS BUNNY Presents

'Life's Like That!'

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OH, I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE!

DUMB BUNNY! YOU AIN'T ANYWHERE NEAR THE SEASIDE!

I AM QUITE AWARE OF THAT!

ONE DOESN'T NEED A REAL SEASIDE WHEN ONE HAS IMAGINATION... PERCEIVE ONE GOLDEN BEACH!

BEACH?

A VERITABLE PARADISE... BUCKETS AND SPADES EVERYWHERE!

DUMB BUNNY! IT ISN'T EVEN W-WARM!

WE OF THE FURRED VARIETY DO NOT FEEL THE COLD, PIRATE!

WHAT'S THAT RABBIT GOING TO DO NOW?

YAAAGH!

SKOOP!

ALL ABOARD THE SAUCY SUE!

WAAH! PUT ME DOWN, YUH LUNATIC LANDLUBBER! WHAT ARE YUH DOING?

SIMPLE, SIR! I'M TAKING YOU FOR A ***TRIP ROUND THE LIGHTHOUSE!***

AND BACK TO SHORE! ALL PASSENGERS WILL DISEMBARK NOW!

YAAAGLUB!

SPLAT!

YOU DUMB BUNNY! GET ME OUTA HERE! YUH DIS-EMBARKED ME INTO A ***CEMENT MIXER!***

SPIN!

TCH! A CALAMITY INDEED! CAUGHT UP IN A TREACHEROUS WHIRLPOOL!

YOU'RE SAFE NOW, SIR! THE LIFEGUARD TO THE RESCUE!

OOF!

GRR! I THINK I'LL USE **MA** IMAGINATION NOW!

I'LL IMAGINE I'M A ***HAMMER*** AND YOU'RE A ***NAIL***, RABBIT! *GRR!*

'TIS INDEED AN EVENTFUL LIFE! WHO'D HAVE ***IMAGINED*** IT WOULD TURN OUT THIS WAY!

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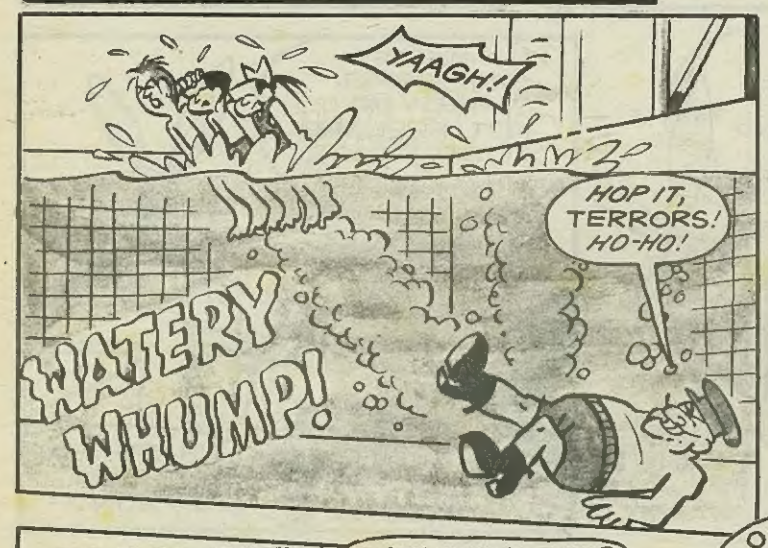
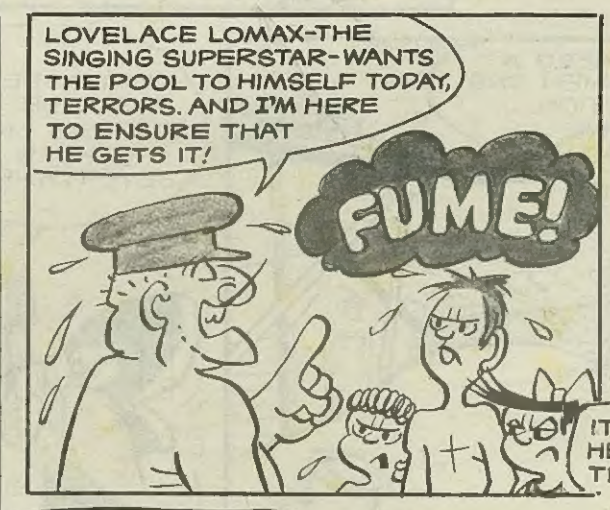
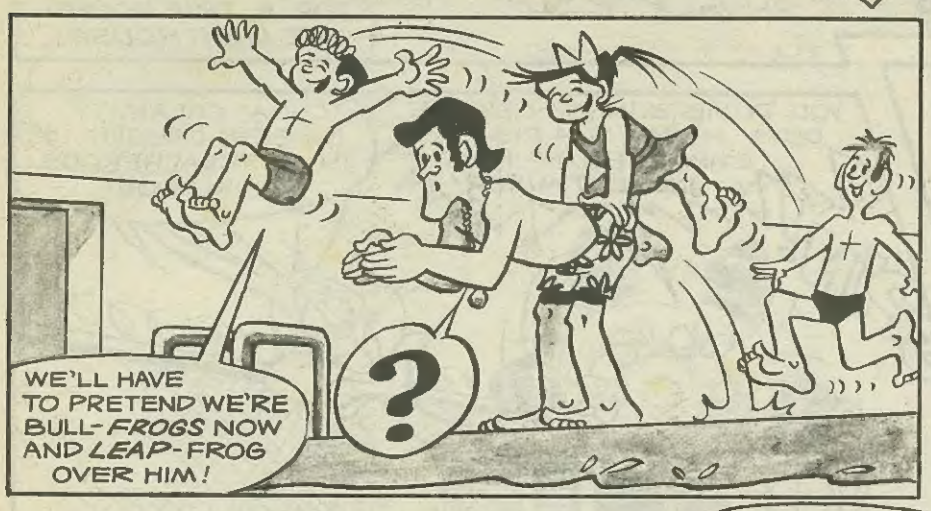
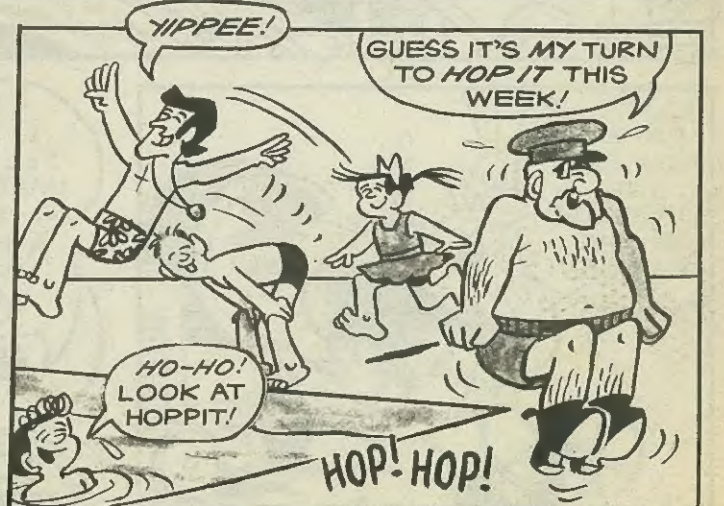
TV Terrors









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ROD HULL & EMU

I HOPE YOU KEEP THAT BIRD UNDER CONTROL THIS TIME, MR HULL.
LAST TIME YOU VISITED THE PARK, HE DUG UP HALF THE FLOWER BEDS... WORM HUNTING YOU SAID!
PARK KEEPER
LET'S GO AND FEED THE DUCKS, EMU. THAT'S HARMLESS!
THEY SEEM REALLY HUNGRY TODAY!

THAT LOOKS LIKE AN EXPENSIVE RING!
TRYING TO FIND YOUR RING HERE IS AN IMPOSSIBLE JOB, LADY!
IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
WHY, YES, WHERE DID YOU FIND IT?
EMU HAPPENED TO-ER-UNEARTH IT!
YOU MUST ACCEPT THIS REWARD!
THANK YOU. I'M SURE EMU WILL BUY SOME FLOWER BULBS WITH IT!

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SOON...
OKAY, CHUMMERS. LET ME HAVE A SLOW OFF BREAK FOR STARTERS!
WHAT A LOUSY BALL! HOW D'YOU EXPECT ME TO HIT THAT?
FOR GOODNESS SAKE BOWL PROPERLY, CHUMMERS!
SORRY, GUV – I'M A BIT RUSTY AFTER A LONG LAY-OFF!
LOOK!
IT'S A MOLE! IT'LL RUIN THE PITCH! THROW THE BALL AT IT, CHUMMERS!
OH, WELL CAUGHT, MOLE!
AND WELL BOWLED, TOO!
YIPPEE! THE MOLE IS GIVING ME PLENTY OF BATTING PRACTISE!
CRACK!
LATER...
PHEW! THAT'S ABOUT ENOUGH FOR THE TIME BEING!
THE MOLE'S STILL KEEN!
LOOK, GUV! IT'S THE RAT!
SMACK!
OH, WELL PLAYED!
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT IT, CHUMMERS! A RAT WHO CAN BAT AND A MOLE WHO CAN BOWL! HA-HA!

Next week: Basil — bowled over — returns!